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For : SUSPENSION AEROSOL PHARMACEUTICAL  
FORMULATIONS CONTAINING  
HEPTAFLUOROPROPANE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace page 1 of the specification as filed with the enclosed pages 1 and 1A.

Please replace page 4 of the specification as filed with the enclosed 4 and 4A.

Please add the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification as filed.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 through 11.

Please add the following new claim:

12. In a pharmaceutical formulation for administration of micronized or powdered drug to the respiratory tract of a warm-blooded animal via inhalation wherein propellant gases as employed, the improvement which comprises 1,1,1,2,3,3,3 - heptafluoropropane as the sole propellant gas.

R E M A R K S

Upon entry of the instant amendment, various informalities in the specification will be corrected. Applicant's attorney hereby states and declares that no new matter is